

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the following claims which are pending in the present application:

1. (Currently amended) A method of preparing a pharmaceutical composition comprising:

treating ginseng (*Panax ginseng* or *Panax quinquefolius*) with an acid solution selected from the group consisting of acetic acid, citric acid, lactic acid, and acid from acid-containing food;

extracting an organic extract from the ginseng by utilizing an organic solvent; [[and]]

subsequently fermenting the organic extract with a lactic-acid bacteria; subsequently isolating a pharmacologically active fraction or saponin compound from the organic extract; and

subsequently drying the organic extract by lyophilization or spray drying.

2. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said ginseng comprises the root, stem, petal, leaf, fruit and tissue cultivates thereof.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said lactic acid bacteria comprises one or more of a *Bifidobacterium* genus bacteria.

5-12. (Cancelled)

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently amended) The method according to claim [[14]]1, further comprising drying the saponin compound.